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The Fort Benning Regional Growth Management Plan (RGMP) is a major planning effort designed to assess the challenges and opportunities facing communities impacted by the Fort Benning BRAC growth and to find solutions that address these issues. The RGMP study produced a plan for the region and for each of the 10-counties within a 35 mile radius of Ft. Benning, as listed below. For more information, go to the [RGMP website](#).

RGMP Counties

ALABAMA

Barbour
Lee
Russell

GEORGIA

Columbus - Muscogee
Cusseta - Chattahoochee

→ Doughboy Football Returns to Fort Benning

Beginning October 2, Doughboy Football comes back to Fort Benning as they play a series of games against area teams. This is another way to revive Benning's storied past. At the same time, it allows hearty competition that displays the toughness of the soldiers and provides a low-cost entertainment for the community in a strained economic time. This is also a great way to foster community relations and encourage healthy athletic competition in the area.

Bringing football back to Doughboy Memorial Stadium, built in 1925 to honor comrades who fell in World War I, will help us continue to honor and remember many great American leaders who have come before us and fully embrace the Spirit of Fort Benning. In the spirit of this tradition, honor will be given to veterans by special recognition during half time at each game. We can never thank our veterans enough for their service and these games will give us the opportunity to show them how much we appreciate their selfless service to our Nation.

2011 Fort Benning Doughboys Season Schedule (Free admission to all home games)

October 2 2 P.M. @ Doughboy Stadium	Lagrange College, JV Squad
October 15 2 P.M. @ Doughboy Stadium	Georgia Military College
October 27 7 P.M. @ Doughboy Stadium DOUGHBOY BOWL II	Columbus State University
November 6 1 P.M. @ Lagrange College	Lagrange College, JV Squad
November 10 7 P.M. @ Doughboy Stadium	King James Allstars

Harris
Marion
Stewart
Talbot
Taylor



→ 10th Annual Fair on the Square Bicycle Ride Saturday, October 15th, Lumpkin, GA

Routes for 2011: 20, 50 miles, and 100 kilometers

Enjoy these idyllic routes with historic country churches, bountiful farmland, and rolling hills. These loop rides follow winding pastoral roads through Green Grove Church and Providence Canyon State Park.

For the challenging 50-mile and 100-kilometer routes, continue from the canyon to Florence Marina State Park, to Louvale area and back to the United Methodist Church in Lumpkin. Rest stops with refreshments and sag wagons provided.

RIDE START: Methodist Church, Broad Street, Lumpkin, GA
Start time: 9:00 a.m. Registration: 8:00 a.m.
Entry Fee: \$25 - Great T-Shirts!!

Check out the website:

<http://www.freewebs.com/faironthesquarecycleride/>

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→ Commemorative Coin Unveiled at the National Infantry Museum

The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center will unveil the design of a new silver dollar coin at the Fort Benning Doughboys vs. CSU Cougars football game October 27 at 7 p.m.

Congress allows the minting of only two new such coins each year. This one, honoring the American Infantryman and the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, was approved in 2008. It will go on sale early next year and will be available only throughout 2012.

The coin will contain 90% silver and will be priced according to the value of silver when the coin is released. The current price for a silver dollar coin is approximately \$55. The Mint will offer a choice of uncirculated or proof versions of the coin.

No more than 350,000 coins will be minted. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of coins will go to support the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

"We know Infantrymen, past and present, will cherish these coins, as will avid coin collectors," said Ben Williams, executive director of the National Infantry Foundation. "But we believe the general public will see the value in them, too, especially in light of the support the museum will receive from the sale of the coins."

Officials from the U.S. Mint will travel to Fort Benning for the

unveiling. The game will be played in the historic Doughboy Stadium on post.

→ New Soldiers Attend Newcomers Orientation at Fort Benning

Every Wednesday morning from 8:30 - 11:30, the newest soldiers assigned to Fort Benning attend the Newcomers Orientation as part of their "in-processing". During this time, the military and their families are provided information about many services available on the installation and the local communities.

New on the scene are those assigned to the Armor School at the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) at Fort Benning. It is a pleasure to welcome and assist these BRAC-related soldiers relocating here from Fort Knox, Kentucky.

For the month of September, there were a total of 373 additional soldiers plus spouses. The bulk of these new arrivals will be living external to Fort Benning and living right in your neighborhoods. So be on the lookout and welcome them to the Chattahoochee Valley family!

For the year of 2010, we welcomed over 3,000 new soldiers!

As of October 1, 2011, we have welcomed over 4,297 soldiers and family members who have in-processed at Fort Benning this year.

→ Let Us Promote Your Products and Services

Have you been wondering how your business can participate with the BRAC movement? One easy and beneficial way is to tell me about any military discounts you offer for your products or services. We will be happy to share that information and spread the word about your business FOR FREE! All you need to do is email that information to [Linda Brady](#). This is a valuable way of introducing your business to those transitioning here who are in need of your products and services. It also sends a message to all those relocating to the Chattahoochee Valley that we are happy they're here and we want to welcome them in a special way.

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